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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
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H-307 The Capitol  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Rapid DNA Machine Pilot Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Vancouver located at 415 West 6th Street Vancouver, WA 98860.

Federal funding will enable the Vancouver Police Department to make quick, accurate identifications that will drastically improve public safety. Rapid DNA machines have been effective in reducing property crime, which is a growing issue in the Vancouver community. Property crime reports show exponential increases in auto theft at 176%, vehicle prowls at 75%, theft at 51%, burglary at 48%, and robbery at 25% in just two years. Recent advances in Rapid DNA technology have produced a new generation of equipment designed specifically for 24/7 on-site use by local police, which is a cost-effective and time-saving solution for improving community safety.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jaime Herrera Beutler  
Member of Congress